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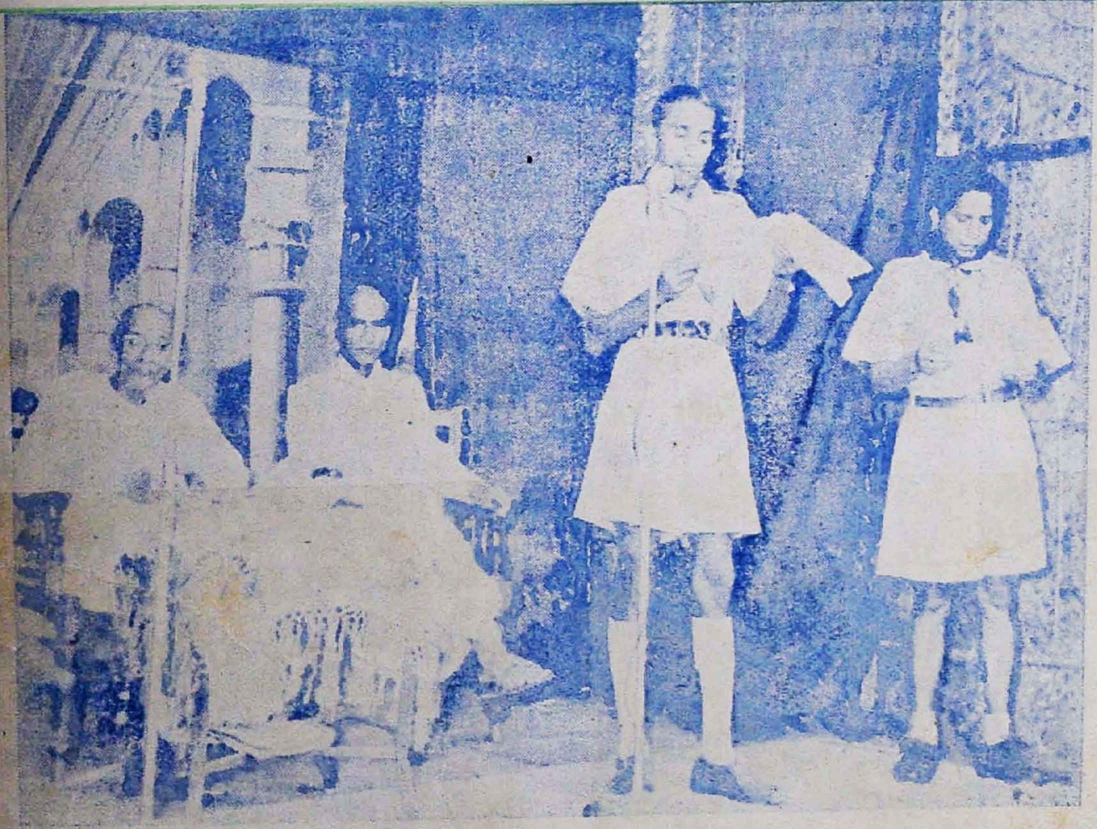

Rajaji presides over the Annual Meeting of Buddha Group.

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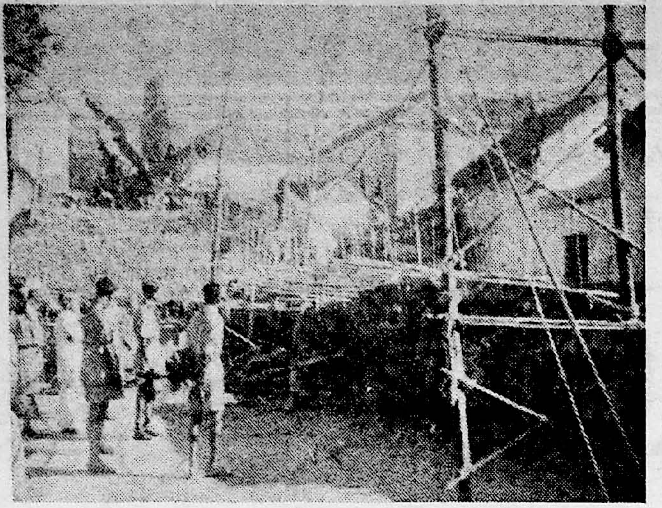
Mr. P. A. Siebold trying the suspension Bridge



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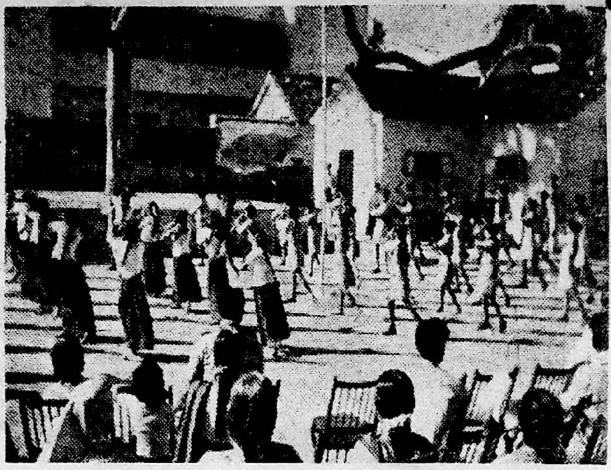

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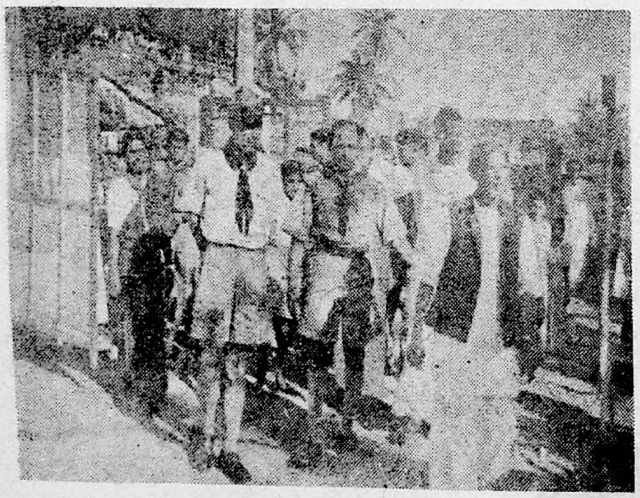
MR. SIEBOLD, LIAISON OFFICER, INTERNATIONAL BUREAU AT MADRAS



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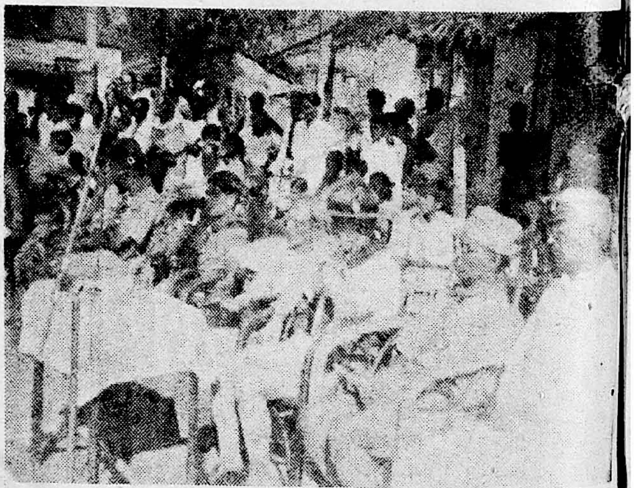

The gathering with Mr. Siebold when he visited the Shivaji Group

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DISCIPLINE IN THE MOVEMENT

WHILE our Movement is becoming increasingly popular and useful and there is greater appreciation of the value of the Organisation to young people and our activities having multiplied and taken to many lines and from day to day adding new departments of work, such as for instance Rural Camps, Training in Traffic Contol etc., etc., it has become necessary to be very careful in, definitely ordering our Organisation and work on a disciplined and well planned basis.

Speaking on this aspect of our work Rajaji who presided over the Annual Meeting of the Buddha Scout Group at our State Headquarters recently said as follows:—"that during the national struggle for independence, the Scout movement was some what in the background and volunteers engaged in the national struggle were more in the eyes of the public. Now that Swaraj had been achieved, the Scout movement, which had all along the objective of participation in social and national activities had come to assume its rightful place. While the education imparted in schools and colleges equipped children to become intellectuals, the Scout movement provided them opportunities to learn to do the tasks of life and thus imparted a practical bias to education. For the efficient carrying out of national activities, they required in the future, as in the past, disciplined people. Such discipline could be had only by regular training, which the Scout movement provided"

He has emphasised the fact that the Scout movement stands for discipline, stands for ordered service and can naturally in a free country like ours do a great deal to impart the right type of training to young people. Rajaji does not praise a Movement simply because he wants to be nice, but because what he sees, he does not hesitate to give expression to.

We are grateful to Rajaji for his advocacy of Scouting and Guiding and we hope to deserve the title to such a movement.

Types of discipline

There is a distinction between discipline of a military type which one may expect in any one of the armed forces or its junior branches, such as the N. C. C. etc., where discipline is

enforced from without, by fear of penalty etc. that is one type of discipline and the other type of discipline which is regarded as Scout discipline is discipline evoked from within, an understanding discipline, a self discipline based on the desire to play the game according to its rules and regulations.

It is not necessary, to mention that Scouting is a game for boys and Guiding is a game for girls. In this game, in order that it may be a true game, there should be two elements, one the Adventure element and the other the Joy element. The joy element sustains one and the adventure element makes one go forward, on and on, and if we must preserve Scouting and Guiding as a game, we must necessarily have these two elements present in them. There should be freedom, spontaneity initiative, self-reliance confidence and service at every stage. What is probably happening is, that at big gatherings and at Group meetings, specially when the public is present while the programme has to be carried on we find perhaps discipline not at a high level. It is where that the boy leadership and the elder brother leadership should come in and assert itself. The fact that the Cubmaster or Flockleader or the Scoutmaster or Scouters of any rank should all the time stick to his Group and see that the Group is under proper discipline is very often over-looked and not adhered to. This is what makes for confusion in Rallies and such occasions.

We have known of good many Scouters, sitting with the boys of their own group and maintaining discipline all through the programme without the least feeling that they are not honoured by giving them a place on the Platform or near the Chief Guest. In fact there is greater joy in being with the boys themselves than otherwise. This arrangement should come back and help us to maintain discipline during these occasions.

There is another aspect to it, the very Organisers of a function should have a regular plan previously fixed up taking into acount the duration of the programme, the persons who are invited to come and where they should be seated, whether cordoning or enclosing of the place required for special purpose, undertaken in advance, the space required etc., etc., all in its details, putting in charge of each activity, some one responsible for it.

Responsibility is one of the very important qualities that help to maintain the discipline. Very often one finds people get into the habit of shirking responsibility.

The one important and fundamental aim of Scouting is to put responsibility in the individual boy and everyone who has anything to do with Scouting. What the Originator calls the Fourth "R", the three "Rs" being Reading, Writing (A) Rithmetic. Scouting and Guiding inculcates the fourth "R", and if one does not take or own the responsibility it becomes the very negation of Scouting and Guiding. It is this training that later on develops into responsibility of a citizen, of a husband or wife, of a mother or father and of a useful member of the Community. Only then can a citizen be both useful and happy, besides being a strong and healthy individual.

When a boy is entrusted to an elder, it is necessary for the elder to see that the boy gets the best training possible. I have known of an instance, where a boy has been admitted into a group and has not been qualified as a Scout for 1½ years and his Scoutmaster has not cared to make him a Tenderfoot and give him the joy of wearing the Tenderfoot Badge. Is this responsibility, I ask? Or is it shirking responsibility. Why take up something which one cannot do? Whatever one does, should be done well and his best. The question is, is he endeavouriug to do his best.

Scouting is not a mean task, it is a very responsible task and it should be taken with the conscious feeling that one is taking up a responsible type of work.

Our movement is praised for its discipline, its usefulness and the right type of training it imparts to young people that is so, but it could be even made better, more so. It is very necessary therefore that Scout leaders and Guide leaders of all ranks should take up this matter a bit more seriously and work out details in practice. Recently at a Rally held in one of the local Associations, this matter was very well organised. Leaders stuck to the children and kept up the standard of discipline very high. Will our leaders both young and old give a little thought to this aspect of work Please let us do it.

"Once a Scouter"

A Great Day

22nd February: The birth day of Lord Baden Powell and also Lady Baden Powell, the World Chiefs of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides fall on the same day, 22nd February. Therefore this day is a great day for Scouts and Guides. Throughout the world this day is observed as a day of rejoicings, because on that day came into the world two great leaders who had to play a great role in the training of the young people. The World Association of Guides has named this day the "Thinking Day" and it should be rightly called the "Thanking Day" instead. These two benefactors are ever to be remembered with gratefulness not only by Scouts and Guides but others who admire this Movement.

MESSAGE OF SHRI SRI PRAKASA, GOVERNOR OF MADRAS

GIVEN ON THE OCCASION OF THE JUBILEE OF WEST MADRAS BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES

held on 28—1—1956

MESSAGE

I was happy indeed to have been able to be present at the Jubilee Celebrations of the West Madras, Bharat Scouts and Guides. Despite untimely rains, the functions were gone through punctually and properly, and I congratulate all concerned on the success of the same.

I send my warmest good wishes for all health and happiness to the great and good movement, and all the fine boys and girls that are its members. May they all grow into good and useful citizens of our free democratic country.

SRI PRAKASA,
Governor of Madras.

January 28, 1956

SCOUT MOVEMENT IN ASIA

WORLD BUREAU TO OPEN CENTRE

Mr. P. A. Siebold, Assistant Secretary, Liaison, Boys Scouts International Bureau, London, said here on Jan. 25, that he was touring the Asian countries for the last few weeks to see the working of the Scout movement in those countries and announced that the Bureau intended to establish a centre in one of the Asian countries for the purpose of supervision and development of the Scout movement, on an international basis.

Mr. Siebold was addressing a rally of about 2,000 Scouts and Guides and officers of various ranks in Scouting and Guiding at Presidency College Cricket grounds, on the evening of Jan. 25, held in honour of his visit to Madras.

Mr Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, who presided over the rally observed that the Scout movement helped young boys and girls to get trained as disciplined citizens and to shoulder responsibility. He expressed the hope that the movement would be given the encouragement it richly deserved

Mr. Sri Prakasa and Mr. Siebold, on arrival, were received by Mr. K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, Mr. V. S Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary, Mrs. Gopalratnam, Headquarters Commissioner for Guides, and others. The chief guests were brought to the saluting base and after a general salute the office-bearers and District Commissioners were introduced to them

Accompanied by Mr. H Ramanathan, District Commissioner for South Madras, Rally Officer, and Mr T. R. Kothandarama Mudaliar, Asst. State Cammissioner the chief guest reviewed the Scouts and Guides. The Corporation Scout Band was in attendance.

After prayer by the Saradamani Guides, the gathering stood in silence for a minute, at the instance of Mr. Venkataswami Naidu who announced the death of Pandit Shri Ram Bajpai, National Organising Commissioner, India.

Welcoming Mr. Sri Prakasa and Mr. Siebold, Mr. Venkataswami Naidu expressed the hope that the visit of Mr. Siebold would help to foster, in a greater degree, the bond of friendship and brotherhood among the Scouts and Guides in various countries of the world.

A display by Scouts and Guides then followed.

Siebold's Tribute to Indian Scouting

Addressing the Scouts and Guides, Mr. Siebold said that he had formed a very good impression of the working of the Scout movement in India. He referred to the 'magnificent' service which the Scouts and Guides were doing in Madras State and to the various social service activities in which they participated. He also made a passing reference to the mela that would come off at the end of the year in Jaipur, where a large number of Scouts would gather from all over the country. That, he said, would help them understand each other better and develop a spirit of brotherhood among themselves. He appealed to the Scouts and Guides to live up to their traditions.

Mr. Ratnasabhapathy translated Mr. Siebold's speech into Tamil

Mr. Sri Prakasa recalled the services rendered to the Scout movement by Mrs. Annie Besant, Mr. Arundale, Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya and Pandit H. N Kunzru. He expressed regret that the Government were not giving proper encouragement to the movement. He desired that they should endeavour to make every boy a Scout and every girl a Guide. The training which they received helped them to face several situations in life and also to be prepared for anything at any time.

Mrs. Gopalratnam translated Sri Prakasa's speech into Tamil.

Mr. Ratnasabhapathy proposing a vote of thanks, referred to the proposal to locate a centre of the International Bureau in Asia and pleaded for its establishment in Madras if it was to be in India He thanked Mr. Siebold for his suggestions for the development of Scouting and Guiding in India.

Eradication of Prejudice and Discrimination

United Nations Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations

31st March—4th April 1955

BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD BUREAU

TO attend a United Nations Conference for the first time is an experience in itself and to attend one on the above subject with the object of seeking ways and means of combating prejudice and discrimination would surely hold the attention of any seeker of World Peace. How much more so, then, for a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts founded on non-discrimination. To this add the international atmosphere brought by representatives of about ninety-six non-governmental organizations and the setting in which the conference was held.

The Palais des Nations, Geneva, where the conference took place, was orginally built for the League of Nations and is the second largest building in Europe—only the Palais at Versailles covers a greater area. The great white building looks down on the beautiful Lac Leman with a background of snow-capped mountains and is on the outskirts of a town which is a meeting-place of peoples and cultures—and has been ever since the Bronze Age

In the Conference Room, delegates numbering approximately eighty-four, of whom eighteen were women, sat either side of long tables with technical advisers and other special visitors on chairs along the sides or in raised tiers of seats at the end of the room. Every single person is supplied with headphones and the turn of a knob tunes you in to the interpreter of whichever of the official languages you require (Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish are the official languages). The interpreters are seated in small, raised cubicles with enormous glass windows facing the delegates. So exacting is the task of simultaneous interpreting that two are on duty at the same time for each language.

Seated opposite me was Mrs Sipila, there to represent the International Federation of Women Lawyers. Just behind me on the first day was Madame Bungnicn-Secretan and on the last Mademoiselle Elisabeth Lotz.

Proceedings opened with a message by Mr. Ralph J. Bunche on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, from which the following are extracts:

"The twin evils of prejudice and discrimination are your targets. They are problems of society far too old and far too stubborn to do credit to that elemental sense of justice which is generally taken to be the proud mark of civilized societies. It takes very little conscience, I think, to know that prejudice and discrimination against one's fellow humans, because of race, or colour, or religion, or national origin, or cultural differences, or sex, are morally wrong.

"It takes very little reflection and reckoning, I believe, for any sensible person to realize that prejudice and discriminatory practices against other beings are wrong in the practical sense. For they are costly to the world in general, in the sense of a reckless squandering of a substantial part of our world's greatest resource, its people, through the deliberate denial of opportunity and growth to these discriminated against, thereby rendering it difficult, if not impossible, for them to make any significant contribution to humanity's progress Moreover, through the inevitable creation of group tension; through nurturing deep and enduring suspicions, restiveness and resentments among many peoples and groups; through poisoning relations among governments; prejudice and discrimination seriously weaken and jeopardize all efforts to achieve a secure peace ..

"Effective action by organizations requires an awareness by their members. There is a vast amount of educational work to be done, in and out of school..."

A Distinguished Chairman

We were then fortunate indeed to have the world renowned Monsieur Vincent Auriol elected Chairman. After his speech general discussion opened on material previously submitted by several world organisations including the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Following this discussion, some nineteen resolutions were submitted during the following days by various non-governmental organizations. On the third day on Ad Hoc Drafting Committee was set up to re-draft the final resolutions, taking into account the views expresed by delegates.

In response to special requests to second an excellent draft resolution submitted by youth organizations, I said:

" Practical experience, by which I mean actions and not words, has already shewn us in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts that youth can make a colossal contribution towards eradicating prejudice and discrimination. In fact I would go so far as to say that we adults could learn a lot on this question from the youth "

Resolution of Special Interest to our Movement

Prejudice is largely the origin of discriminatory practices. Its elimination is a long-term task and requires continual education, first of the child and then of the adult.

Education at all leavels, public information by all the modern means available to it, play a predominant role in he evolution of mind and custom. The non-governmental organisations therefore call upon all parents and educators, all those who share in the formation of public opinion, upon professional organisations, upon groups and individuals who have moral or spiritual responsibilities, to teach and promote respect for the rights and freedoms of others.

In particular, it is necessary to encourage, e.g., by the free issue of visas or where possible by their abolition, all such undertakings as international camps, international gatherings, particularly of young people, which make it possible for persons of different race, nationality or religion to travel, to know and to understand each other.

LESLIE E. WHATELEY
(Condensed from official report)

Mrs. Sipild is a member of the Constitutions Standing Committee; Mlle Elisabeth Lotz is a member of the World Committee and the Constitutions Standing Committee; Mme Bugnion-Secretan is the World Association liaison with United Nations in Geneva.

Public Relations

During the year June 1954 - May 1955 representatives from the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts attended sixteen Conferences, sponsored by various international or world organisations (including UNO and UNESCO) in Helsinki, Tokyo, The Hague, Paris (3), Geneva (3), Melbourne (Australia), Montevideo, New York (3), Republic of Panama and Rome

—*Editor 'The Council Fire'*

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National Executive Committee Meetings

NATIONAL Executive Committee Meetings were held on 14th and 15th Jan. '56 at the National Headquarters, New Delhi, which I attended on behalf of the Madras State. Various matters of importance were considered and I will only refer to some of the most important matters

The meetings were attended in large numbers representing almost all the States excepting Travancore-Cochin and Andhra. The meeting placed on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Pandit Sri Ram Bajpai, the National Organising Commissioner. Mr. D. P. Joshi, Joint National Organising Commissioner was appointed. National Oaganising Commissioner.

The Second All *India Mela* (Jamboree) in *December 1956* was decided to be held in *Rajastan* at the invitation of the State Associaticn there. It was decided to give freedom to various States to *Observe Scout Week* in any suitable month in the year according to the convenience of the States, though 7th November is fixed as the National Scout and Guide Day, being the date on which the Bharat Scouts and Guides came into being. (Madras will have 1st week of October as usual).

It was decided to hold the Regional International Commissioners (Guides) Conference (Asian region) in India in Dec 1956. About 60 Commissioners are expected to attend. It was agreed to in principle to attend the Regional Centenary World Camp (Guides) in Philliphines in 1957.

The recommendaton made by the All India Conference of Guide Commissioners and Trainers to hold the Centenary Camp at Pachmarhi in *October 1957* was accepted. Also to participate in the Sixteenth World Conference (Guides) in Brazil in August '57. and to send one delegate from India. Recommendations made by the A. P. R. O. and Revision Sub-Committee and Special Committee; suggestions made at the Pachmarhi Conference of Deputy Camp Chiefs and the Trainers Conference of Guide Commissioners were considered and accepted with modifications.

The Memorandum, Rules and Regulations were also considered and the important change made was that there should be a Deputy Chief Commissioner (Guides), in view of the present circumstances, in which the Chief Commissioner (Guides) has to work. This of course is to be temporarily for a short period. Also to appoint an International Commissioner (Guides) and an International Commissioner (Scouts). That the Bharat Scouts and Guides recognises that the problems of training of the boys and girls are distinctly different and its policy to keep the training completely separate at all levels except in the case of Commissioners. To maintain separate groups for boys and girls under their respective Scouters and Guiders; at Rallies and other gatherings on special occasions these units may be brought together with the special permission of the respective District Commissioners, and that an exchange of Scout and Guide training instructors is permissible for the teaching of subjects, in which they are specially proficient and arranged through the respective Commissioners concerned; that in the case of National and the State and the District, a Joint Secretary or an Assistant Secretary may be appointed to help the Secretary and that one of them should be a woman. Other matters are of minor importance and they will be incorporated in the revised A.P.R.O. to come into force some time in 1958.

The routine matters related to Budget and Audit Statement of accounts were dealt with It was announced that merit badges are now available for distribution. Several suggestions made in relation to training were considered and it was agreed that the training scheme of both Scout and Guide should be brought in line with the suggestions made, and that as far as possible except in cases of special requirements be uniform. It was also suggested that having agreed to work the two sections under one administration and one head, efforts should be made in every direction to adhere to the principle underlying the merger and the Bharat Scouts and Guides Organisation it was reported in every State is working in a satisfactory manner in this respect.

With regard to sending Guiders to U.K. for training it was suggested that whether honorary or paid, having the necessary qualifications they should give an undertaking to serve the Organisation atleast for a period of three years, failing which they will have to refund a certion portion of the amount spent on this matter Details regarding this are being worked out. Elections are to be put off till the reorganisation of States is completed.

22-1-56 V. S. RATNASABHAPATHY
State Secretary

The Bharat Scouts & Guides, Mahamakham Service, Kumbakonam

Camp: Town High School,
Kumbakonam
20—1—1956

Dear Sisters & Brothers

IN connection with the Mahamakham Festival here, we are arranging to run a Service Camp for about 1000 Scouts and Guides at The Town High School, Kumbakonam. Rovers and Rangers, Scouters and Guiders of all ranks are invited to participate in the Service. Scouts & Guides (not below the rank of II Class) who are above 16 years and possess good physique will also be admitted with the written consent of their parents or guardians. Lone Scouters and Guiders may also apply.

The Campers are expected to be present at the Camp at 8 a.m. on 21-2-1956. The Camp will break off at 8 a.m. on 27-2-1956. Travelling expenses are to be borne by the campers themselves.

Free Simple and wholesome food will be served in a central mess. Campers will use their own plates and tumblers for taking food.

Comfortable electrified rooms will be provided free of charge. There will be a separate section for Guides and Rangers in charge of Lady officers.

Uniform: Every camper will wear correct uniform and badges as per A P R.O. Special Camp badges, shoulder titles, and arm bands will be supplied at the camp.

Equipment: (individual): At least 2 sets of uniforms, light bedding including a blanket, change of clothes, toilet requisites, a torch light, pen knife, spare buttons, thread and needle, foot wear, pocket note book and pencil, a hand bag or haversack and a water-bottle.

A Scout *Staff*; a *rope* at least 3 yards long; a *plate* big enough to take food and a *tumbler* are compulsory for each camper.

Equipment: (For every patrol of eight) A thick rope of about 10 yds., 2 big buckets a hurricane light and a chombu or kooja.

Exhibition: There will be an exhibition of Scout craft and handicrafts made by Scouts or Guides. Campers are requested to bring their exhibits and make the exhibition interesting and instructive.

Camp Fire: Campers are also requested to come fully prepared to give new and entertaining items at the camp fire.

Camp Registration Fee: Every camper has to pay a registration fee of Rupee one (Re. 1/-) each and will be supplied with a copy of our Mahamakham Souvenir, and a copy of the Camp instruction book, besides the various special badges etc.

Each district Association will consolidate all its applications, appoint a contingent leader for its groups and inform us well in advance as regards the number, movement to the camp etc. (We hope this has been done already.)

Important: It is incumbent on every camper to get himself/herself inoculated against CHOLERA and if possible against typhoid and re-vaccinated against Small pox *before the end of January*. Officers in charge and Contingent Leaders will please ensure that this prevention measure is taken up.

Application forms for Railway concession can be had from the State Headquarters sufficiently early

Expecting to meet you on 21-2-1956.

Yours in Service
(Sd.) K. S. SESHADRY
Mahamakham Service Director

DISTRICTS AT WORK

ULUNDURPET LOCAL ASSON.

On 5th February 1956, a very successful Rally of Cubs, Bulbuls and Scouts was held at Ulundurpet under the auspices of the Local Association there The boys and girls over 200 came from neighbouring villages, walking a distance of 7 miles and more. The enthusiastic and spontaneous manner in which the boys and girls took part in the Rally and their displays impressed everyone who was present. Given the right direction and backing, right leadership and support, the boys and girls can respond to the Scout Training in the best manner possible which is so natural to them was seen in that place. The whole town came to see the Rally and the display Sri Kandaswami Padayachi, M L A., who is the President of the Ulundurpet Local Association is responsible for organising this with the assistance of Sri Mannar Reddi, the Assistant District Commissioner and other Scouters and Guiders, as well as the local Association Officials.

Sri. K. Venkataswami Naidu, our State Chief Commissioner, who presided over the Rally complimented the Association and the Scouts for their good work. Sri. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary who addressed them said that, if we could arouse the enthusiasm of not only the boys and girls but the parents and the elders as has been done in that place, Scouting will make headway, and there is great hope for the children.

As to the fact that the villagers are more awake and alive to the possibilities of Scouting and Guiding than ever before was quite evident in that Rally. This was also the case at Mannarghat. Only the so-called Town centres are not yet awake and active. This should also be done. We hope more such local Associations, will come up in every District, catering to the needs of the people of that area.

The Training Camp run recently by Sri M. Rajagopalan, our State Organising Commissioner is bearing fruits by the follow-up work done here, by those trained in that camp. They have started their Packs and are running them well.

SOUTH ARCOT

On 18-1 1956, the Panruti 1st Scout Group (Boys consisting of 35) started for a service camp on the occassion of River Festival (Pennar) at Kanrabottai four miles off. They reached the plaee at 10-45 A. M. and did good service. They restored a small boy aged 8 to his parents. In appreciation of the services, the Pulavanoor Panchayat Board President arranged a reception to the Scouts. The Scouts returned at about 5-30 P.M. to Panruti. accompanied by the Scoutmaster Sri S. Sowriraian, and Sri R. Srinivasaraghavan.

RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT

Cyclone Relief Work Done in our District by Our Scouts and Scouters

Karaikudi Town : The Scouts of the Bharathi Troop, Ghandhi Troop and Shivaji Troop, went round the town and collected datas about the extent of damages caused by the cyclone, and gave it in person to our Chief Minister, when he visited Karaikudi.

They also collected old cloths and food articles. Together with the co-operation of the local Municipal Commissioner who donated 2 bags of rice, the collected rice was cooked into turmeric rice, 'PULIYOTHARAI' and was distributed to more than 1,000 poor people, under the presidency of Sri T. R. Rajagopalan, Municipal Commissioner, in the bungalow of our District Commissioner and Chairman, Municipal council, on 5-1-56. The balance of cash amounting to Rs. 5-3-0, was handed over to the Municipal Commissioner.

Aranmanai Siruvayal : The local Scouts of Navabarath Scout Troop, collected and distributed milk to 1000 poor children.

Mohan Troop. On 27-12-1955 the Scouts of the above troop, from, 1-12-55 to 7 12-55, went round and collected food, rice and ragi, etc. and distributed them to the Cyclone affected people from the Scout Office, and rendered all possible help to the victims of the cyclone.

Paganeri: With the co-operation of Sri S. O Sp. O. Subramaniam and the Scoutmaster, the Scout troop, rendered all help by closing the breached roads and tank bunds etc.

Further with the co-operation of the local peoples and others and particularly with the peoples from Ghandigram, food was cooked and distributed to the children of the poor people.

Ilayangudi: The Scout Troop of the local High School, closed up the breaches of the tank between the school and the village and thus helped the school going children to go to school safely. On 1-12-1955, the Ilayangudi Kanmoi was breached and the water rushed into the town, to-gether with the co-operation of the local people closed up the breaches with logs mud etc,, and saved the onrush of the flowing water.

The damaged school building was set right by our troops. All possible help was rendered by our Scouts to the victims of the cyclone.

TIRUCHI DISTRICT

Patrol Leaders Training Camp

The District, Patrol Leaders' Training Camp, for the PLs drawn from all the High Schools in Tiruchi District was held in Sri Rajagopal Pillai's Tope, Bikshandar Koil from 6-1-1956 to 9-1-1956. Seventy-five Scouts from 15 High Schools attended the camp Sri A. D. M. Prakasam, Asst. Dist. Commissioner was the Camp Officer and Sris P. Seshadri, D. I. Rajendran and R. Sundaram were Asst. Camp officers. The camp was inaugurated by Sri M. P. H. Albert, M.A., L.T., President of the Tiruchi District Teachers Guild. Dr. Paul Mathuram, M.P. Chairman, Tiruchi Municipal Council and Vice-President of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Tiruchi District and Rao Sahib G. Rajagopal Pillai, visited the camp. Dr. V. K. Ranganathan, Dr R. Sambasivam, M B.B S., and Dr P A. S. Raghavan, Z M R.E. delivered lectures on First Aid. Many prominent citizens of Tiruchirapalli visited the camp on the Visitors' Day and spent a few hours going round the camp

On the first day a rapid review of the Tender Foot tests was done. This was followed by the instructions in the Second Class Tests. The whole of the third day was utilised for imparting instructions in First Class Scout Tests The afternoon of the 3rd day was devoted to testing the boys in the First Class Scout Craft. Sunday 8-1-1956 was Visitors' Day Mrs. V. Lily Charles B.A., B.T., District Commissioner, Girl Guides presided over the function. Lt. Col. T. Swami Desikachariar, B A., B..L., District Scout Commissioner welcomed the gathering The camp fire items given by each Patrol were very much enjoyed by the visitors. The President distributed certificates to all the Scouts. Messrs Williams Moses, Vasudevan, Jaya Raj, Manickavasagam, J. S. Venkatram and other Scouters took part in the camp.

CYCLONE RELIEF AT KUMBAKONAM

The Scouts and Guides of the Bharat Secouts and Guides Local Association, Kumbakonam made a door-tc-door drive in an organised manner, to collect donations for the people who were affected by the recent cyclone. They collected 380 Madras Measures of rice (about 8 bags) and 795 articles of clothing, old and new. The articles of clothing, cleanly stitched and washed and the rice were sent to the Collector of Tanjore. through Sri K. S. Seshadri, Assistant State Commissioner. The following units participated in the Relief work.

1. Town High School Scout & Guide Groups.
2. Native High School Scout Group,
3. Banadurai High School Scout Group.
4. Board High School, Nachiyarkoil Scout Troop.
5. Municipal Town Primary School Cub Pack.
6. Melacauvery Muslim Girls' School—Bulbul Flock.
7. Solayappa Street, Municipal School—Cub Pack.

BLIND SCOUT GROUP

A Scout group consisting of blind students, stated to be the first of its kind in Madras State, was "invested" on January 25, in the presence of Mr. Percy Siebold, Assistant Secretary, Liaison, Boy Scouts International Bureau, London, at the premises of the Government School for the Blind in Poonamalle.

The group consists of 18 blind pupils of the Government School for the Blind.

The investiture was conducted by Mr. R. Messiah Doss, District Scout Commissioner, Chingleput after which the blind Scouts demonstrated some of the Scout craft they had learnt. The blind Girl Guides of the School entertained the audience with dance and music.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Siebold explained the various avenues in which blind Scouts could be of help and said that there were blind Scout groups in other parts of the world. He explained to them the significance of the Scout oath and said that now that they had become members of the international brotherhood of the Scout movement they should strive their utmost to be of use to themselves, their fellowmen and their country Earlier, Kumari A. P. Nagarathnam, Assistant in charge of the School, welcomed the gathering.

Mr. Ali Sodi, an inmate of the School, proposed a vote of thanks.

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EVENTS IN FEBRUARY—1956

5-2-56	Budha Scouts Annual Day—Sri C Rajagopalachariar presides, at Wenlock Park.
5-2-56	Ulundurpet Local Association Rally—State Chief Commissioner, Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu presides. State Secretary, Sri V. S Ratnasabhapathy addresses.
10 2-56	Inauguration of Traffic Control Training to Scouts at Wenlock Park, at the instance of the Police Commissioner, Madras.
10-2-56 to 13-2 56	Blind Scouts of Poonamallee Camping at Mahabalipuram—Kumari A. R. Nagaratnam, Officer in charge.
11-2-55	Welcome to Mrs. Mohini, Jt. National Organising Commissioner (Guides), at Wenlock Park at 4 p.m. (Guiders gathering) Mrs. M. Clubwala Jadhav, State Commissioner (Guides) welcomes. State Chief Commissioner presides.
11-2-56 to 13-2-56	Chingleput District, Central first class Scouts Camp, Mount School Grounds, St. Thomas Mount, District Commissioner Sri R Messiah Doss incharge.
18-2-56	Scoutmaster's Preliminary Training—Weekend Course—North Madras starts at Wenlock Park—Janab Md. Noorudeen, Asst Deputy Camp Chief incharge.
17-2-56	Social Welfare Day—work in co-operation with the Indian Conference of Social Work and its branches.
21-2-56 to 26-2-56	Mahamagham Scout and Guide Service at Kumbakonam—inauguration by our State Chief Commissioner.
22 2-56	Lord Baden Powell and Lady Baden Powell's Birth Day—"Thinking Day" and "Thanking Day"
	Rally of Scouts and Guides in honour of the World Chief Scout and Chief Guide.

MAHAMAGAM SERVICE AT KUMBAKONAM
Number of Scouts from Various Districts

1.	Madras	...	53
2.	Chingleput	...	20
3.	South Arcot	...	75
4.	Tanjore East	...	100
5.	Tanjore West	...	100
6.	Tiruchirapalli	...	26
7.	Ramnad	...	80
8.	Mathurai	...	80
9.	Tinnevelly	...	6
10.	Coimbatore	...	70
11.	Malabar South	...	60
12.	The Nilgiris	...	20
13.	Salem	...	90
14	Southern Railway	...	75
15.	Kumbakonam	...	100
16.	Guests Establishment etc.	...	45
			1000

(This includes Hundred Guides)

BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES, SALEM

Contributions, cash and clothes for the Cyclone Relief Fund by the pupils of some of the Elementary, Middle and High Schools of Salem, collected by the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Salem by sale of flags at one anna each.

	School		Cash			Clothes
1.	Elementary School No. 1 Ponnammapet	...	11	1	6	Yes
2.	Elementary School No. 1 Agraharam	...	16	3	0	Yes
3.	By Sri Y. V. Ramaswamy Iyer, being the balance amount collected by him for Bhiksha Padapooja etc, of Sri Avani Sringeri Swamigal.	...	61	4	0	—
4.	Elementary School No. 2 Agraharam.	...	9	2	0	Yes
5.	Higher Elementary School No. 2 Ponnampet	...	10	14	0	Yes
6.	Pavadi High School	...	54	0	0	Yes
7.	Elementary School No. 2 Moongipadi Street	...	25	0	0	—
8	Elementary School, Girls—Singarapettai	...	6	1	3	—
9.	Elementary School No. 1 Vyapurichetty Street	...	3	12	0	—
10.	C.S I. High School	...	5	0	0	—
11.	Elementary School No. 1 Moongipadi Street	...	7	2	6	—
12.	Sowrastra Higher Elementary School, Ammapet	...	28	6	9	Yes
13.	Elemenlary School, Girls, P. N. Iyer Street	...	12	0	0	Yes
14.	Middle School, Girls—Poonnammapet	...	15	7	3	Yes
15.	Elementary School, Marimuthu Mudali Street	...	5	3	9	—
16.	Elementary School, Girls—Vyapuri Chetty Street	...	8	0	0	—
17.	Angayarkanni Villas, Higher Elementary School, Shevapet	...	45	10	0	Yes
18.	C. S J. Elementary School, Kannara Street	...	8	0	0	Yes
19.	Sowrastra Aided Elementary School, Shevapet	...	12	14	0	Yes
20.	Elementary School, P. V Iyer Street	...	7	6	6	Yes
21.	By Hundi collections at the temple on Vaikunta Ekadasi Day	...	85	3	0	—
22.	By Hundi collections at the Temple on Aruthra Darisanam Day	...	84	5	10	—
23.	No. 1 Municipal Elementary School, Annapet.	...	6	0	0	—

A sum of Rs. 300/- and 1200 picess of cloth, shirts etc. were handed over to the Collector of Salem on 25-12-1955 and Rs. 221-10-0 was handed over to our Chief Minister on his visit to Salem on 13-1-1956.

MADURAI

Madurai City : Clothes ... 306 (Several School Troops have collected
Rice 4 m. m. clothes and food-grains and sent to ... the Dt. Collector through their own ... institutions.)

Uthamapalayam : Clothes 9
Rice. ragi & green bean 14 m.m.

Palni : Clothes 50

Tirumangalam : A good collection is made and list awaited.

TRAINING IN DISCIPLINE

ROLE OF SCOUTING

PRESIDING over the Siiver Jubilee celebrations of the West Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides, this evening (28-1-56) at the premises of the Sir M. Ct. Muthiah Chettiar High School, Purasawalkam, Mr. Sri Prakasa, Governor, observed that the discipline and sound training which the boys and girls of the present day would receive in the Scout movement would prepare them fully to take up the responsibilities in the various professions they would be called upon to occupy, in future.

Mr. Sri Prakasa on arrival was received by Mr. K. Govindachari, President of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, West Madras. After introduction of the officers, the Governor inspected an exhibition of Scout and Guide craft. There was a March Past of Scouts and Guides the Governor taking the salute.

Dr V. Samuel, Vice-President of the Jubilee Committee, read the messages received wishing the function success.

Mr. K. Govindachari, President of the West Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides who welcomed the gathering, gave a brief account of the Scout movement in this part of the country.

Mr. V. Thyagaraja Pillai, District Commissioner, who presented the Jubilee Report traced the growth of the West Madras Association since its inception in 1931.

Mr. F. Howard Oakely, Mr. Amudachari and Mr. K. Venkataswami Naidu who spoke on the occasion paid tributes to the Association for the service rendered by them during the last quarter century.

Mr. Sri Prakasa recalled his close association with the Boys Scout movement from very early days He paid tribute to Dr. Besant for her pioneering work in Scouting in Madras State He said he was glad that all the different institutions in the country in the Scout movement had now merged under one single name. That did not mean, they, in India desired to remain isolated from Scouting in other countries.

Continuing Mr. Sri Prakasa said that Scouting and Guiding helped every boy and girl to be resourceful and be able to manage the different situations in which they might be placed. At a time when there was a general feeling that an academic degree leading even to quill driving would be more honourable than putting one's hand at manual labour, Scouting and Guiding would bring about a different outlook in the minds of young men and women of the present day. A training in the movement would also produce a generation of honest persons.

The Stanley Flag was awarded to the C.N. Orphanage Scout Group. A number of shields to various groups was also presented.

Mr. M R. Appadurai Pillai, Chairman of the Committee proposed a vote of thanks.

Earlier in the morning, Mr. N. D. Sundaravadivelu, Director of Public Instruction, inaugurated the Jubilee celebrations and declared open an exhibition of Scout and Guide craft.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Sundaravadivelu stressed the importance of Scout movement in building up character. On behalf of the Government he assured that the Scout movement would receive the encouragement it deserved. He appealed for the co-operation of the headmasters and teachers in schools, for the success of the Scout movement in India.

NORTH MADRAS

A Group of 20 Rover Scouts of North Madras had their annual camp at Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar, on 28th and 29th January 1956. They had practice in Pioneering, Estimation of hieghts and distances, Hiking, Tracking, and General survey of the Book " Rovering to Success ".

Mr. V. S Ratnasabhapathy, the State Secretary visited the camp and gave some words of cheer to the campers. The camp was in charge of Mr. G. Balagopal, A.D.C. for Rovers assisted by Messrs. Sampath Kumar and Magraj Joshi.

C. S. NATESA MUDALIAR,
District Commissioner.